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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** General John P. McConnell  
Acting Chairman  
Joint Chiefs of Staff  
Department of Defense

**SUBJECT :** Viet Cong Support Through North  
Vietnamese and Cambodian Ports

1. The attached memorandum with supporting tables was prepared in response to your request of 21 December for information on material assistance reaching the DRV and the Viet Cong by sea shipments through the ports of North Vietnam and Cambodia. If you desire or need additional detail, please let us know.

2. As for the possible use of Cambodia as a source of supplies for the Viet Cong, this has been a matter of continuing concern and watchfulness throughout the intelligence community. We have, to date, been unable to support a judgment that the port of Sihanoukville is being used as a channel for any significant amount of supplies for the Viet Cong. Although some supplies for the Viet Cong are obtained from Cambodia, we believe that only a small quantity is obtained in this way. It also seems unlikely that any significant amount of military supplies is obtained from Cambodia.

3. Additional information bearing on these questions will be provided in our regular intelligence publications as a matter of course, and in special memoranda as required.

/s/ Richard Helms

Richard Helms  
Acting Director

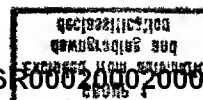
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cc: Lt. General Joseph F. Carroll  
Director, Defense Intelligence Agency

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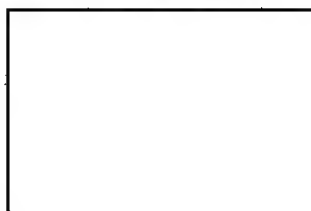
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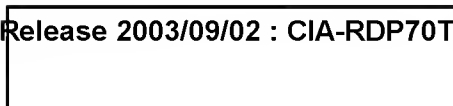
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1. A compilation of information on external support for the Viet Cong through North Vietnam and Cambodia is being prepared; I plan to place it in your hands by 26 December.

2. As an interim response to your request, I am enclosing CIA Intelligence Memorandum 10527/65, "Cambodia and the Viet Cong," which examines the nature and extent of VC use of Cambodia. I also enclose our most recent monthly report on foreign shipping to North Vietnam.

*WHL Richard Helms*

**Richard Helms**  
**Acting Director**

**Attachments**

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